on providing containerised service to customers have helped the Railways to lift more traffic and have increased the level of customer satisfaction.

(b) Railway freight rates are calculated on the basis of the classification assigned to the commodity in the Freight Structure and the distance of haul.

The average rate per quintal per kilometre is as under:-

| | *(In paise)* |
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| 1989-90 | 3.25 |
| 1990-91 | 3.50 (Prov.) |

(c) About 27,500 (in terms of four wheeler units ) are proposed to be acquired, but this would depend on plan allocation. Increase would be much less, because of condemnation concurrently.

**Tribals access to Firewood and Forest Produce**

668. SHRI SHIV SHARAN VERMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 439 on august 26, 1991 regarding tribals access to firewood and forest produce and state:

(a) whether the requisite information has been collected;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c) All the state governments/UTs have been requested to furnish the requisite information. Information received from Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Haryana, Maharashtra, Mizoram, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Andaman & Nicobar Islands & Dadra & Nagar Haveli indicates that no traditional rights have been abolished to the detriment of tribals. Reply form other States/UTs is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Indian Hockey team off loaded at Singapore Airport**

669. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE:
SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the members of the Indian Hockey Team on their way back from Auckland via Singapore were off loaded at the Singapore airport;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Air India authorities have failed to provide night stay facilities to the Indian team; and

(d) if so, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) The team decided on their own not to board the flight since they wanted time to sort out the excess baggage problem.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

**Extinction of Gazelle and antelope in Ladakh**

670. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state: